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MEMORANDUM TO: Assistant Director Current Intelligence

ATTENTION: : 


FROM : Chief, Indications Staff

SUBJECT : Topic Discussed at IAC Watch Committee Meeting 8 July 1953

1. In the course of a discussion concerning Soviet activities and their probable implications the FBI representative offered the following observation for the information of those present, but not for inclusion in the Watch Committee minutes.

2. During the past 30 days Soviet espionage activities in the US have completely stopped. They are making no efforts at covert collection of information. When asked to amplify this statement in greater detail the FBI representative explained that he meant no effort was being made to contact individuals in the US to seek information. Soviet representatives in the US were not attending various displays or gatherings of technical groups where such information is available. This is in contrast to a fairly extensive covert collection effort during the previous six-months period.

3. The FBI is trying to evaluate this new development but at the present time has no explanation with which they are satisfied. Presumably any additional information will come to the attention of the Watch Committee at future meetings or the FBI may see fit to disseminate formally if additional information so warrants.

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